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IN REPLY REFER TO

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Ser SEA 00A5/DON-NAVY-2018-003702F

February 5, 2018

Mr. Nolan Hotchkiss
Kazan Law Firm
55 Harrison Street, Suite 400
Oakland, CA 94607

SUBJECT: YOUR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CASE DON-NAVY 2018-003702

Dear Mr. Hotchkiss:

This is a final response to your January 24, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek departure report summaries for repairs/alterations (aka overhaul reports) for the former naval ship USS POINT DEFINANCE LSD-31 that took place at Fellowes Shipyard during 1973.

We conducted a thorough search of this Headquarters' files, specifically those located in the Logistics, Maintenance and Industrial Operations Directorate (SEA 04). An extensive search of those files was conducted based on the criteria provided by you, however no records could be located about the "USS POINT DEFIANCE" as responsive to your request.

If you believe that we did not conduct an adequate search, you may file an administrative appeal. Your appeal should contain an explanation as to why you believe our search was inadequate and must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter.

If you decide to file an appeal, it must be received within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter and should contain a copy of your original requests, a copy of this letter, and a statement indicating why you think your appeal should be granted. Attach a copy of this letter to the appeal and mark the appeal and the envelope, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Mail the original to the Department of the Navy, Office of the General Counsel, Attn: FOIA APPEALS, 1000 Navy Pentagon, Room 5A532, Washington, DC 20350-1000. Please mail a copy of the appeal to:

Commander
Naval Sea Systems Command (SEA 00A5)
1333 Isaac Hull Ave SE
Washington Navy Yard, DC 20376-1021

As an alternative to filing an appeal, you may seek Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR). You may submit your request for ADR either to DONFOIA-PA@navy.mil or you can call the Navy FOIA Service Center at 202 685-0214 or via the following address:

Chief of Naval Operations (DNS-36)
Attn: FOIA/PA Service Center
C/O - Head, SECNAV/CNO FOIA/PA Program Office
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-2000

If you have any questions concerning the processing of your request, please contact Ms. Ginger Dolan, at 202-781-3359.

Sincerely,



DONNA M. HAMLIN
By direction